

**Effective 5/10/2016**

**20A-6-301 Paper ballots -- Regular general election.**

- (1) Each election officer shall ensure that:
  - (a) all paper ballots furnished for use at the regular general election contain:
    - (i) no captions or other endorsements except as provided in this section;
    - (ii) no symbols, markings, or other descriptions of a political party or group, except for a registered political party that has chosen to nominate its candidates in accordance with Section 20A-9-403; and
    - (iii) no indication that a candidate for elective office has been nominated by, or has been endorsed by, or is in any way affiliated with a political party or group, unless the candidate has been nominated by a registered political party in accordance with Subsection 20A-9-202(4) or Subsection 20A-9-403(5).
  - (b)
    - (i) the paper ballot contains a ballot stub at least one inch wide, placed across the top of the ballot, and divided from the rest of ballot by a perforated line;
    - (ii) the ballot number and the words "Poll Worker's Initial \_\_\_\_" are printed on the stub; and
    - (iii) ballot stubs are numbered consecutively;
  - (c) immediately below the perforated ballot stub, the following endorsements are printed in 18 point bold type:
    - (i) "Official Ballot for \_\_\_\_ County, Utah";
    - (ii) the date of the election; and
    - (iii) the words "Clerk of \_\_\_\_\_ County" or, as applicable, the name of a combined office that includes the duties of a county clerk;
  - (d) the party name or title is printed in capital letters not less than one-fourth of an inch high;
  - (e) unaffiliated candidates, candidates not affiliated with a registered political party, and all other candidates for elective office who were not nominated by a registered political party in accordance with Subsection 20A-9-202(4) or Subsection 20A-9-403(5), are listed with the other candidates for the same office in accordance with Section 20A-6-305, without a party name or title, and with a mark referencing the following statement at the bottom of the ticket: "This candidate is not affiliated with, or does not qualify to be listed on the ballot as affiliated with, a political party.";
  - (f) each ticket containing the lists of candidates, including the party name and device, are separated by heavy parallel lines;
  - (g) the offices to be filled are plainly printed immediately above the names of the candidates for those offices;
  - (h) the names of candidates are printed in capital letters, not less than one-eighth nor more than one-fourth of an inch high in heavy-faced type not smaller than 10 point, between lines or rules three-eighths of an inch apart; and
  - (i) on a ticket for a race in which a voter is authorized to cast a write-in vote and in which a write-in candidate is qualified under Section 20A-9-601:
    - (i) the ballot includes a space for a write-in candidate immediately following the last candidate listed on that ticket; or
    - (ii) for the offices of president and vice president and governor and lieutenant governor, the ballot includes two spaces for write-in candidates immediately following the last candidates on that ticket, one placed above the other, to enable the entry of two valid write-in candidates.
- (2) Each election officer shall ensure that:

- (a) each person nominated by any registered political party under Subsection 20A-9-202(4) or Subsection 20A-9-403(5), and no other person, is placed on the ballot:
    - (i) under the registered political party's name, if any; or
    - (ii) under the title of the registered political party as designated by them in their certificates of nomination or petition, or, if none is designated, then under some suitable title;
  - (b) the names of all unaffiliated candidates that qualify as required in Title 20A, Chapter 9, Part 5, Candidates not Affiliated with a Party, are placed on the ballot;
  - (c) the names of the candidates for president and vice president are used on the ballot instead of the names of the presidential electors; and
  - (d) the ballots contain no other names.
- (3) When the ballot contains a nonpartisan section, the election officer shall ensure that:
- (a) the designation of the office to be filled in the election and the number of candidates to be elected are printed in type not smaller than eight point;
  - (b) the words designating the office are printed flush with the left-hand margin;
  - (c) the words, "Vote for one" or "Vote for up to \_\_\_\_\_ (the number of candidates for which the voter may vote)" extend to the extreme right of the column;
  - (d) the nonpartisan candidates are grouped according to the office for which they are candidates;
  - (e) the names in each group are placed in the order specified under Section 20A-6-305 with the surnames last; and
  - (f) each group is preceded by the designation of the office for which the candidates seek election, and the words, "Vote for one" or "Vote for up to \_\_\_\_\_ (the number of candidates for which the voter may vote)," according to the number to be elected.
- (4) Each election officer shall ensure that:
- (a) proposed amendments to the Utah Constitution are listed on the ballot in accordance with Section 20A-6-107;
  - (b) ballot propositions submitted to the voters are listed on the ballot in accordance with Section 20A-6-107; and
  - (c) bond propositions that have qualified for the ballot are listed on the ballot under the title assigned to each bond proposition under Section 11-14-206.

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